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(d) whether the Government propose to issue orders for the even distribution of patronage to these types of machines, the only criterion being the quality of the machine and durability ;

(e) what is the price of each type of machine supplied by the firms for the use of Government offices ; and

(f) which of these types of machines are found to require frequent repairs ?

A.—(a) All these typewriters are used in Government offices in the city and in the mufassal.

Particulars of the typewriters supplied to each of the Government offices are not available

(b) The machines are purchased with regard to efficiency and economy.

(c) A statement is furnished.[a]

(d) No.

(e) It would not be in the public interest to give this information.

(f) None.

Forests

Reorganization of the Forest Department.

* 323 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a questionnaire was issued by the Government to the Chief Conservator of Forests on the question of forest policy and administration ;

(b) whether it was issued to any other person or persons ;

(c) whether the answers have been received ;

(d) what the questionnaire was and what the replies are ; and

(e) what action the Government propose to take ?

A.—(a) & (b) A questionnaire on the work and organization of the Forest department was issued to the Chief Conservator of Forests.

(c), (d) & (e) The replies received from him are now under consideration. The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 189 asked by Mr. J. A. Saldanha.

Jails

Manufacture of yarn required for jail purposes in jails.

* 324 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received the report he has called for from the Inspector-General of Prisons regarding the possibility of making all the yarn required for jail purposes in the jails ;

(b) if it has been received, what it is ; and

(c) what action he has taken or proposes to take in the matter ?

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a Printed as Appendix XVI on page 603 infra.